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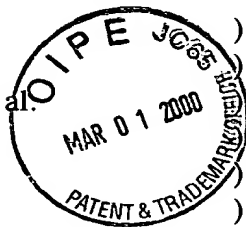
In re Patent Application of

EUGENE D. THORSETT, et al.

Application No.: 09/126,096

Filed: July 30, 1998

For: COMPOUNDS WHICH INHIBIT  
LEUKOCYTE ADHESION  
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) Group Art Unit: 1611

) Examiner: D. Rao

**REPLY TO COMMUNICATION**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This reply is in response to the Communication mailed on February 2, 2000, for the above-reference patent application, which Communication set a 30-day period for response. This response is being submitted on or before its current due date of March 2, 2000. In response to the Communication, consideration of the following remarks is respectfully requested:

**REMARKS**

A Response to Restriction Requirement was filed on December 20, 1999, wherein Applicant's elected, with traverse, the invention defined by Group III:

Claims 1-2, 6-7 and 11-18, drawn to compounds of formula I wherein R<sup>2</sup> and R<sup>3</sup> together form a ring, corresponding composition and method of use, classified in class 546, subclass various.

Applicants appreciate the Communication received from Examiner Rao which indicated that the election of a single specie falling within Group III was not recited in the Response.

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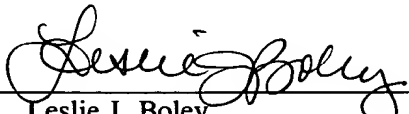
Sir:

Enclosed is a reply to the Office Communication mailed February 2, 2000, for the above-identified patent application.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any appropriate fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17, 1.20(d) and 1.21 that may be required by this paper, and to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No.02-4800. This paper is submitted in duplicate.

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